

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-41 were pending in this application. Claims 1-14 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 15-41 will be pending herein upon entry of this Amendment. For the reasons stated below, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims pending in this application are in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action mailed June 29, 2004, claims 1-14 were rejected and claims 15-41 were allowed.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to because of an informality. Claim 1 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, this objection is rendered moot.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Claims 1-14 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, this rejection is rendered moot.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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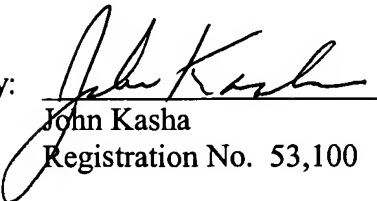
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